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TRADE Application of:

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Title:

METHOD OF USING A CYCLOOXYGENASE-2 INHIBITOR AND ONE

OR MORE ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS AS A COMBINATION

THERAPY IN THE TREATMENT OF NEOPLASIA

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

The above referenced application, enclosed herewith, is filed under 37 CFR §1.53(b) as a continuation of parent application Serial No. 09/857,873. A final Office Action in the parent application was mailed on May 18, 2004, setting a shortened statutory period of three months for response.

Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR §1.136 for extension of time of one month, it being noted that the date of expiration of the first month of extension of time, September 18, 2004, fell on a Saturday. This paper, mailed on Monday, September 20, 2004, is therefore deemed filed within the first month of extension of time. The requisite fee under 37 CFR $\S1.17(a)(1)$ is enclosed herewith.

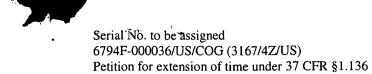
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